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THIS List of Divines, I drew up several years ago with a design of forming a Universal Synopsis of Biography to extend to every profession and science—I intended it to be so particular as to include almost every person who had wrote on any subject whatever; this would have been an Herculean task. The idea, however, properly modified, may perhaps occasion some persons of greater literary talents than myself, and who have leisure for the purpose; to compose something
novel,

novel, and truly interesting in biography.— In this specimen, which relates only to Divines, several living characters are introduced and various anecdotes related, which cannot but prove interesting to every class of readers.

I must also observe, that the *persons* introduced into this list, are not arranged alphabetically, but placed in that order, in which my memory presented them to view; for I drew up the whole of this synopsis, as well as many of the preceeding sermons, without consulting any book whatever—they were spontaneous effusions of leisure moments, many of them drawn up in haste, and consequently I hope what I have said, will disarm the most rigid criticism, and metamorphose its frowns into smiles.

DIVINES

D I V I N E S.

ROBERT HENRY, D. D.

A clergyman of the church of Scotland, and author of a valuable History of England, upon an entire new plan.—Dr. Henry did not live to complete this interesting work. He died in the year 1791, much regretted.

JOHN GLASS,

A respectable minister of the church of Scotland, and author of various Tracts—He was the founder of the sect of Glassites, since called Sandemanians. He was cited to appear several times before the Synods, to answer for the singular opinions disseminated in his works—they have been published in 4 volumes, octavo. His Testimony of the King of Martyrs, is accounted Mr. Glass's best performance.

WILLIAM PERKINS,

A celebrated writer and preacher, among the old Nonconformists—His works are chiefly polemical

polemical. He lived during the reign of James Ist.

JEAN FBUTEL DE LA RIVIERE.

Minister of the Walloon church, Amsterdam. M. Riviere was an excellent classical scholar, and an elegant preacher—such was his modesty, that he would not suffer any of his sermons to be printed during his life; a volume of them were published after his death. This excellent man was born 1669, and died 1742, aged 73 years.

HENRY STEBBING, D. D.

Preacher at Gray's-inn, and lecturer of St. Lawrence Jewry—Dr. Stebbing's works are chiefly in defence of revelation. His sermons are neat and correct.

JOHN CHATER.

A dissenting minister, and author of a pleasing novel, entitled, Tom Rigby, in 3 volumes—Mr. Chater was for some years pastor of the
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congregation, in Silver-Street, Wood-Street; but altering his sentiments, he resigned the pastoral charge. Mr. Chater embraced the Sandemanian tenets, and afterwards kept a circulating Library, in King-Street, Cheap-side.

GEORGE GREGORY, D. D.

Domestic Chaplain to the bishop of Llandaff, a well known writer and critic—he has published sermons, essays, life of Chaterton, abridgment of ecclesiastical history, &c. His writings are stiff and pedantic.

CHARLES ROLLIN.

The pious and excellent author of the Antient History—Mr. Rollin's works will ever remain lasting monuments of his accomplishments, as a scholar, and of his piety and devotion, as a christian. The Antient History is incomparably excellent, and the Roman History, and that of the Belles Lettres, are highly entertaining and instructive.

SAMUEL

SAMUEL HOOLE, M. A.

A clergyman of the church of England, and author of several Poems, and a volume of Sermons. He is son to the translator of Tasso.

ROBERT JACOMB.

Formerly Morning preacher at Salter's-Hall. He has published a few Sermons, occasionally preached.

J. N. PUDDICOMBE.

A clergyman of the church of England, and a Poet—He has published a volume of Sermons, some of which possess great merit.

MATTHEW HENRY.

A pious and excellent Nonconformist minister and pastor of a congregation at Hackney—his Practical Exposition on the Bible in 6 volumes, folio, is well known and much admired.

SAMUEL WALKER.

Curate of Truro in Cornwall, and author of several pious Tracts. He published a volume of sermons, entitled, *The Christian*. His sermons are deeply tinged with calvinism.

JOHN FREDERICK OSTERVALD.

Sacred be the memory of this excellent man, whose whole life and talents were devoted to the service of religion and virtue—he was pastor to the French reformed church at Neuchatel in Switzerland. His many amiable virtues endeared him to a very large and respectable circle of friends. As a preacher, Mr. Ostervald excelled, as a writer, he is deservedly esteemed. His practical notes and observations on the Bible are universally known.

SIR WILLIAM DAWES.

Archbishop of York, in the reign of Queen Anne. His Sermons have been published in one volume, octavo.

WILLIAM

WILLIAM STAFFORD DONE, L. L. D.

Preacher to the Society at Lincoln's-inn. A posthumous volume of his Sermons, which are truly excellent, was published by Dr. Shepherd.

ANDREW BURNABY, D. D.

Archdeacon of Leicester. Dr. Burnaby has published, six occasional discourses, which are so excellent, that we regret he has favoured the public with so few productions of his inestimable pen.—His Travels to America, are pleasing and interesting: I cannot help informing my fair readers, that Dr. Burnaby asserts there is in America, a Bridge, called The Kissing Bridge—where it is part of the Etiquette, for the gentleman to salute the lady who is under his protection, while passing over the Bridge.

JOHN HORSEY.

A dissenting minister and tutor, at Northampton, and author of a Tract in defence of infant

fant baptism, which was answered by the Rev. Mr. Martin.

NATHANIEL JENNINGS,

A dissenting minister, at Islington. He has published a few occasional Sermons.—Mr Jennings to a mind replete with classical learning, adds the polished manners of a gentleman.

BERNARD GILPIN,

A valuable old divine, and generally known by the name of the "Northern Apostle." This excellent man was a living epistle known and read of all men.

ARCHIBALD BELL,

A dissenting minister, and author of a stupid, absurd and methodistical novel, entitled Memoirs of Miss Williams, in two volumes. Mr. Bell formerly kept a Bookseller's shop at Aldgate.

THOMAS SCOTT,

A clergyman of the church of England, and a methodist. He is author of Notes on the
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Bible, a treatise on repentance, &c. none of his performances will recompence the reader for the trouble of perusing them.

EDWARD BARRY, M. D.

A clergyman, and once a physician, author of an excellent volume of sermons, a volume of essays, and a letter on the practice of boxing.

SAMUEL BREWER, B. D.

A popular calvinistical preacher, and pastor of a congregation at Stepney :—many of his sermons have been published.

JOSEPH MEDE,

To the labours of this learned and valuable man, the religious World are much indebted.—His various works on theological subjects are justly esteemed and admired.—His comments and illustrations on various parts of holy writ, particularly on the revelations, place him in a distinguished rank as a critic—He was pastor of the congregation of dissenters at Stepney. DA-

DANIEL BURGESS,

An old nonconformist divine, celebrated for his singularities—He was preceptor to the late Lord Bolingbroke, and to his rigid manner of educating that nobleman, the licentious and infidel principles which Lord Bolingbroke afterwards imbibed and propagated were much owing. Burgefs was a rigid calvinist and pastor of a congregation in New Court, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields: His meeting-house was pulled down and gutted by Sacheverel's mob.

WILLIAM BENNETT,

Formerly a dissenting minister, and author of a few trivial and contemptible pamphlets.

SAMUEL POMFRET,

A worthy dissenting minister of the last century, and author of some pious tracts, and a volume of hymns.

EZEKIEL GALLATIN.

Minister at Geneva, and author of a volume
of ingenious sermons, dedicated to the late
Earl of Stair. M. Gallatin was a man of
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genius, and much esteemed by the Republic of Geneva.

HERMAN WITSIUS,

A very celebrated divine of the Low Countries : He was a man of considerable abilities and astonishing learning : his Oeconomy of the Covenants, is much esteemed by the Calvinists.

JOHN STEELE,

Minister of Stair, a clergyman of the church of Scotland, of distinguished genius and abilities. He is one of those enlightened teachers who are sensible how much Christianity has been corrupted by the false glosses of artful men, and has endeavoured to restore it to its primitive simplicity.

SIR GRIFFITH WILLIAMS,

Vicar of Islington, and author of a Sermon before the sons of the clergy.

JAMES STONHOUSE, M. D.

Rector of Great and Little Cheverel, in Wiltshire, and author of a most valuable Tract,

Traſt, entitled "The ſick man's friend." Dr. Stonhouſe, attended the late pious Mr. Hervey when that good man was on his death bed.—He was alſo the intimate friend of Dr. Doddridge and Job Oron.

THOMAS STEDMAN, M. A.

Vicar of St. Chads, Shrewſbury, and editor of Dr. Doddridge's Letters and ſome other pieces.

JOHN POPE,

Teacher of the Belles Lettres, at the New College Hackney, and author of various pieces, chiefly controversial.

JOHN PALMER,

A diſſenting miniſter of conſiderable abilities and author of "Letters to Dr. Priſtley on Materialiſm," and a Collection of Prayers for Families. He died lately at Iſlington.

SAMUEL COOPER, D. D.

Miniſter of Great Yarmouth, and author of ſome pieces in defence of Revelation.—He publiſhed a funeral Sermon which he preach-

ed for his daughter; and is likewise the author of some political pamphlets.

GEORGE LAVINGTON, D. D.

The worthy and pious Bishop of Exeter.— He is celebrated for his incomparable work “Popery and Methodism compared.” His Lordship also published an admirable Sermon on occasion of the Earthquake at Lisbon.

JOHN SUTCLIFFE,

A dissenting minister at Olney, and author of some trivial polemic pieces in Theology.

JONATHAN SWIFT, D. D.

The facetious and humorous Dean of St. Patrick, cotemporary with Pope and Arbuthnot, the confidential friend of Harley and Bolingbroke. His works in Poetry and Politics are numerous and extensive, scarcely any political subject, but what is treated upon in his Works. He directed the measures of the British Cabinet, in a great measure during the four last years of Queen Anne. He was a warm and true friend to the interest of Ireland,

Ireland, a passionate and intemperate enemy of the Whigs and Dissenters ; all his artillery of wit was played upon those who were not of the High Church Party.—Disappointed in his prospects, neglected by some of his old friends and patrons, he at length grew sple-
netic, peevish and fretful, and treated even his own bosom friend Sheridan, ungratefully. His manners were coarse and rude, his wit though always keen, was frequently low and vulgar ; his religion faint and languid : he addicted himself to swearing, and performed the services of the Church frequently with indecorum and irreverence. This celebrated man at last died a Lunatic !

A N D R E W F U L L E R,

A dissenting minister at Kettering, and author of some controverfial Tracts against Socinianism.

T H O M A S B A R N E S, D. D.

Fellow of the Philosophical Society at Manchester, and author of several ingenious and

well written Essays, which have been published in the transactions of that Society. Dr. Barnes is minister of a congregation of dissenters at Manchester.

THOMAS TOLLER,

A dissenting minister, and author of Sermons to Tradesmen, and other Pieces.

RICHARD WATSON, D. D.

Lord Bishop of Llandaff—Dr. Watson is justly celebrated as a divine and a philosopher; his patriotism will make his name ever dear to the friends of liberty; he has published six volumes of Theological Tracts, selected with great judgment from the best authors, for the use of young Divines. Dr. Watson is an adept in chymistry, his chymical Essays are replete with entertainment, his answer to Gibbon, is reputed the best answer to that elegant historian that has been published. Dr. Watson was advanced to the see of Llandaff in the year 1783.

JOHN BARNARD,

Formerly a dissenting minister at Islington, and author of "A View of Antichrist, the Man of Sin, or Notes on the Revelations." Mr. Barnard changed his sentiments, and became a Sandemanian.

EDWARD YOUNG, L. L. D.

Rector of Welwyn in Hertfordshire, and chaplain to George II. His poetical works, particularly his Night Thoughts, has procured him a most distinguished place among the English poets—As a dramatic writer, he was unsuccessful, he died in 1765.

ARTHUR O'LEARY.

An Irish Roman Catholic Priest, and celebrated writer—Much jesuitical finesse is to be discovered in his works.—He had a controversy with John Wesley.

PHILLIP

PHILLIP DODDRIDGE, D.D.

An excellent critic, a learned, pious, and devotional writer. The dissenters are justly proud of the writings of this truly amiable man.—He would have done honor to any sect under the canopy of the heavens. His works, which are numerous, are perused with delight by intelligent men of every religious denomination; they are calculated to promote the religion of Jesus, and its grand characteristic universal benevolence.

Attacked by a cruel and lingering disorder, this amiable man was advised by his physician, to repair to Lisbon, where to the unspeakable grief of his family, his friends, and the religious world in general, he died. The English factory at Lisbon, were proud to raise a Mausoleum over the remains of Dr. Doddridge. His Epitaph was written by Gilbert West, Esq.

HUGH BLAIR,

Minister of the High Church at Edinburgh.
He published two volumes of elegant Discourses,

courses, which had a rapid sale: encouraged by this flattering success, Dr. Blair has published a third and fourth volume, as also, Lectures on the Belles Lettres.

SAMUEL CLARKE, D.D.

Rector of St. James's, Westminster—A celebrated and acute writer in defence of Unitarianism. His Discourses at Boyle's Lectures are standing evidences of his genius and penetration.

JOHN FLAVEL,

A dissenting minister of the last century at Dartmouth, and author of Husbandry Spiritualised, and several other practical pieces. Mr. Flavel was a very pious man—He suffered much for his Nonconformity—He was burnt in effigy at Dartmouth. His Treatise on Providence, contains many pious and useful reflections.

SAMUEL CHANDLER, D.D.

A dissenting minister of distinguished abilities, and an able writer in defence of Revelation

lation. Mr. Priax, in a beautiful poem, thus characterises Dr. Chandler's Sermons :

"In Chandler's solid well compos'd discourse,
What wond'rous energy ! what mighty force !

M. DE MONTMOLLIN,

Minister at Motier-travers, where John James Rousseau for sometime resided. M. De Montmollin, was for sometime the friend and patron of that celebrated man; Rousseau, in his Letter to the Archbishop of Paris, mentions him with great respect. Voltaire in a conversation with one of the peasants residing at Motier-travers, asked the following questions : "Is there one Rousseau lives in your village ?" "Yes, and Mr. Rousseau is very much respected"—answered the countryman. "Does any body notice him?" rejoined Voltaire. "Yes ; Mr. Montmollin always takes him in his own carriage wherever he goes." This answer stung Voltaire to the heart : mortified and chagrined, he asked one question more : "How does the man employ his time ?" "Why, in climbing the

the mountains like a cat ; and in storms of thunder and lightening, he is often seen upon the tops of the mountains, contemplating the grandeur of nature." "I thought before this time," said Voltaire, " he had climbed up a ladder to the gallows."

Upon the publication of Letters written from the Mountains—M. De Montmollin, broke friendship with Rousseau, and joined the rest of the ministers in driving him from his solitary retreat.

JOHN MARRANT,

An American Indian, who came over to England, and commenced Methodist preacher—He published a lying narrative of his life, in the style of Jack the Giant Killer. This tale of wonders was greedily swallowed by the followers of Whitfield, and honest John was regarded as a prodigy.

JAMES BEUZEVILLE,

Minister of a French protestant church, in London. He published the Life of Mr. Ofteryald, from the manuscript of Mr. Durand.

THOMAS

THOMAS BRADBURY,

An honest and well meaning, but furious and bigoted Nonconformist divine—though uncharitable and rude in his controversial attacks, yet his natural disposition inclined him to be frequently pleasant and facetious ; he had some share of wit, and when his mind was perfectly at ease, would often oblige his friends by singing “ The Roast Beef of Old England,” a song of which he was peculiarly fond.—Reports have been circulated, that Bradbury has been known to sing it in the vestry of his meeting ; but I am well assured that such reports are without foundation. When queen Ann died, Mr. Bradbury could not dissemble his joy ; he put on a pair of yellow, instead of a pair of black gloves, and publicly thanked God for the death of the queen. This was honest, but we cannot say it was wise, prudent, or becoming a minister of the gospel ; it was highly indelicate and justly censurable. Bradbury’s wit, was an-

gry wit—His talents entirely controversial talents. His works are little esteemed, except by the rigid Calvinists: Mr. Priax has most judiciously portrayed Bradbury's character.

"Tuning melodious nonsense, Bradbury stands
With head uplifted, and with dancing hands;
Prone to sedition, and to slander free,
Sacheverel sure, was but a type to thee !

JOSEPH BUTLER, D.D.

Late bishop of Durham, and author of that noble work, "The Analogy of natural and revealed Religion."—His Sermons preached at the Rolls chapel, are uncommonly judicious. Butler was a truly pious man, and his devotional temper has caused a slanderous imputation to be affixed on his memory, as being secretly a Roman Catholic; the absurdity of the vile attack upon bishop Butler's character to all who knew him, or have perused his writings, is too evident to need refutation, although the late Bishop Hallifax, condescended to do it, in his Life of Butler prefixed to the last edition of the Analogy.

JOSEPH

JOSEPH BERRINGTON,

A Roman Catholic clergyman of great eminence.—He has published, “The History of Abelard and Heloise, and The Reign of Henry II.” in which he has insidiously attacked the late lord Littleton, and endeavoured to place the character of that haughty and tyrannical prelate Thomas A Becket, in the most favourable point of view.

GILBERT BURNET,

Bishop of Salisbury.—This venerable man, was one of the first promoters of the glorious revolution.—As an author, he is also well known by his History of the Reformation, and of His own Times—In his religious principles, he was moderate and temperate, a friend to liberty of conscience, and consequently to protestant dissenters. In his political conduct, he always acted as a zealous and consistent Whig.

JOHN

JOHN HOME,

A minister of the Church of Scotland, and author of *Douglafs*. Cruel and bitter were the persecutions raised against this excellent man for writing this incomparable tragedy ; but his philosophy and his piety raised him superior to the feeble attacks of bigotry and malice.

GEORGE STRAHAN,

Vicar of Islington—He published "*The Prayers and Meditations of Dr. Samuel Johnson.*"

ROBERT HALL,

Pastor of a dissenting congregation at Chester-ton, near Cambridge. He has published a spirited answer to John Clayton's Sermon on the Birmingham riots, and an admirable vindication of the Liberty of the Press.

JOHN TRUSLER, D.D.

He has wrote upon all subjects. To idle and unprincipled clergymen, Dr. Trusler's M. S. S.

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Sermon

Sermons are an acceptable present, they are not the least valuable of his works.

JOSEPH HALL, D.D.

Bishop of Norwich. This good man was so unfortunate as to live in the time of the civil wars, and he suffered much from the parliament army. His works are very popular.

LEWIS BAGOT,

Bishop of St. Asaph—His lordship has published a volume of Sermons on the prophecies. He is a rigid advocate for Calvinism, and in his Sermons on the prophecies, he makes many rude attacks upon Mr. Locke:—An angry and dogmatical spirit, disgraces any creed whatever.

COLIN MILNE, D.D.

Rector of both churches at Deptford—A popular preacher, and a no less celebrated botanist. He has published, A Botanical Dictionary, and a Volume of Sermons

SIR

SIR JONATHAN TRELAWNY, BART.

Lord bishop of Exeter. He was one of the seven bishops who were sent to the Tower in the reign of James II. His name is immortalised by his meritorious conduct. Several of his Lordship's Sermons preached occasionally have been published.

SIR HARRY TRELAWNEY, BART.

A descendant from the above-mentioned prelate.—Sir Harry received a University education; but as soon as he left College, commenced Methodist, and preached at the Tabernacle; from Methodism, Sir Harry went among the independants, and afterwards among the Presbyterians, and having accomplished a scheme which his great penetration had suggested, of observing the temper and disposition of each branch of the dissenters by mingling among them, he then took orders, and has since published a pamphlet on Subscription.

SIR RICHARD HILL, BART.

A most worthy and respectable character—Sir Richard, though a member of the British Senate, has not deemed it derogatory to his honor, to instruct the poor and unenlightened. He has preached, and likewise published small Tracts at a trivial expence for the benefit of the poor; such conduct redounds much to his credit—He is also author of *Pietas Oxoniensis*. Sir Richard Hill's Speeches, in the British Parliament, are generally replete with humour; when the celebrated Coalition took place between the late Earl of Guildford and Mr. Fox Sir Richard compared it to Herod, and Pontious Pilate shaking hands together. When Mr. Fox's India bill was under discussion, he in a very humorous speech introduced the following *jeu d'Esprit*:

“All hail! to thee, great Karlo Khan,
The prince's prince, the people's man!”

J. NALSON, L.L.D.

A clergyman of the church of England, and author of a most violent Tract against the dissenters

fenters, entitled "A Counter mine, or Discovery of the dangerous Principles and secret Practices of the Presbyterians—it was printed in 1684.

ALPHONSUS TURRETIN,

A very celebrated biblical writer, and professor of divinity at Geneva. His works are well known among the learned.

RICHARD STUART, D.D.

Dean of St. Paul's, and clerk of the closet to king Charles I. After the death of the king, whom he appears to be very zealous for—he left England and resided at Paris, where he died. Three of his Sermons have been published.

NOAH HILL,

A dissenting minister of calvinistical sentiments—He has published various Sermons and Tracts, and a very sensible reply to Clayton's Sermons on the Birmingham Riots.

SAMUEL HARSNETT, D.D.

Arch-bishop of York in the reign of James I. He preached a celebrated Sermon, at Paul's

Cross in the year 1584. "On God's free grace, and Man's free will." He has treated this metaphysical subject with uncommon acuteness and penetration.

REV. MR. GAINSBOROUGH.

I am happy in paying a tribute of respect to the memory of this gentleman. He was brother to the celebrated painter Gainsborough. Nature endowed these brothers with the most uncommon and splendid talents: they were bright ornaments of the world—While one by his inimitable performances raised his reputation to the highest pitch in the school of arts, the other distinguished himself no less for his mechanical genius, and his architectural skill. Mr. Gainsborough was a dissenting minister at Henley, upon Thames. By an ingenious mechanical contrivance—he caused that very steep hill leading to Henley to be considerably lowered—He also constructed an arch in imitation of ruins in Field Marshal Conway's grounds at Park-place, near Henly. The Marshal, who was then General

ral Conway, was peculiarly fond of Mr. Gainsborough's company, as were all the nobility and gentry in the vicinity of Henley.

At the house of the late Thomas Hall, Esq. at Harpsden, near Henley, Mr. Gainsborough principally resided; and there is a painting of Mr. Gainsborough, by his brother, at that gentleman's late residence.

As a divine, Mr. Gainsborough appeared in a most amiable point of view—He was truly a rational sensible christian preacher, an enemy to the jargon and nonsensical cant of enthusiasm; his sermons were entirely practical, calculated to make his hearers good members of society, not pertinacious disputants about "Old wives fables."

The congregation to whom he preached, were unfortunately of a different cast, and rank enthusiasts—Mr. Gainsborough was regarded by them not as a gospel preacher, and I have been wounded to have heard this great man frequently mentioned in a slighting and

disrespectful manner by those who attended upon his ministry.

The manner of his death was truly affecting and distressing to his numerous friends and extensive acquaintance: Mr. Gainsborough was upon the eve of marriage with a lady, an inhabitant of Henley—He had dined at her brother's, with her, the day on which he died—in the afternoon, he went to take his accustomed walk in the fields, and left word he should return to tea—The time was arrived when his pleasing company was eagerly expected by his waiting friends; but alas! they were disappointed—he did not return: Alarmed at his continued absence, his friends went in pursuit of him, and in a field, to their great surprise, they beheld Mr. Gainsborough laying upon the ground dead. It is supposed he was seized with an apoplectic fit: A very small tablet is placed in the Meeting-yard, at Henley, in memory of this great man.

JOHN

JOHN GOODWIN,

A celebrated dissenting minister of the last century, and author of various pieces in defence of the Arminian tenets. There is considerable learning, but more benevolence displayed in all the writings of this pious man.—He published, “The Agreement and Distance of Brethren; and, The Pagans Debt and Dowry,” with many other works.

ISAAC KIMBER,

A dissenting minister and accurate historian—He wrote the History of England, and published several Discourses: A volume of his sermons have been published since his death by his son.—Mr. Kimber’s sentiments in religion, were rational and liberal; in consequence of which, he experienced much ill-treatment at several places where he was situated, particularly at Nantwich. Mr. Kimber belonged to the denomination of General Baptists—He was at last settled in London;
and

and preached at the Meeting-house, Paul's-alley, Barbican—He died 1755,

THOMAS BROOKES,

An old divine among the Puritans, whose writings are even now held in estimation by some persons—His principal work was, "The Mute Christian under the Smarting Rod."

JOHN SHOWER,

A nonconformist divine of the last century, and author of the well known devotional Reflections on Time and Eternity. He preached at the Meeting house in the Old Jewry.

JOHN ROGERS,

Minister of Dedham, in Essex, a Puritan divine—He wrote a Treatise on Faith, published in the year 1638, and recommended by Hooker.

WILLIAM WARBURTON,

Lord Bishop of Gloucester, and author of an Edition and Commentary on Shakespeare—

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Notes on Pope's Essay on Man, and an edition of his works—The Divine Legation of Moses, and other pieces : His lordship was an acute writer ; but in disposition, proud, arrogant, and overbearing—He was so unfortunate as to be the subject of Charles Churchill's incomparable Satire.

THOMAS BRAY, D. D.

A clergyman of the Church of England, and author of a Discourse on the Baptismal Covenant, and some Tracts written in opposition to the dissenters.

THOMAS WILSON, D. D.

Bishop of Sodor and Man, a truly apostolical and christian Bishop—His time and talents were uniformly employed in promoting the best interests of mankind. He extended his pious instructions even to the Indians. His works are numerous.

JOSEPH WILLISON,

Minister at Dundee, and author of a Sacramental Catechism. He lived at the beginning of the present century.

TITUS

TITUS KNIGHT,

Late a minister at Hallifax, in Yorkshire.—
He has published "Amyntas and Philetus; or,
Christian Conversation," and some other tracts
of a more trifling nature.

WILLIAM ROMAINÉ, M. A.

A celebrated and popular clergyman of the
Church of England: The sermons and writings
of Mr. Romainé, have always been in
support of the rigid principles of Calvin,
and his Life of Faith—Walk of Faith—
Triumph of Faith, and other works, are
much esteemed by those who embrace such
sentiments. He died July 1795.

GEORGE HERBERT.

Son to the Earl of Pembroke, brother to the
celebrated Lord Herbert of Cherbury, a clergyman
of the Church of England, and Rector
of Bemerton, near Salisbury. This venerable
and pious man published a Collection of Poems,
which contain much piety and good sense, expressed

pressed in the quaint language of the times in which he lived. He was the intimate friend of Dr. Donne, the poet.

GEORGE HICKES, D. D.

A clergyman of the Church of England in the reign of James the second, but who refusing to take the oaths of allegiance to King William, was deprived of his living—He was one of the first Nonjurors. His works are chiefly devotional.

ANTHONY LEGER,

Minister and professor of divinity at Geneva—Three volumes of his sermons have been published—Under Leger, Saurin had his tuition.

RICHARD VINES,

A minister among the old Puritans, and one of the Assembly of Divines in the year 1641. He published several Treatises on various theological subjects.

ANDREW

ANDREW KIPPIS, D. D.

A dissenting minister and indefatigable writer. He has superintended an improved edition of *Biographica Britannica*—He has also published “*The Life of Captain Cook*,” and a volume of most excellent sermons: When Dr. Price died, Dr. Kippis was chosen to pronounce the funeral oration—it has been printed, and does considerable honour to the orator.

JOHN RYLAND, D. D.

A baptist minister at Bristol, and author of numerous performances in defence of the calvinistical doctrines, for which he is a rigid advocate.

JONATHAN EDWARDS, D. D.

President of the New College, Jersey, and author of several metaphysical pieces in support of the tenets of Calvin: Dr. Edwards was possessed of learning and abilities—He is reckoned by the Calvinists, their grand and formidable champion. His *Treatise on Religious Affections*

tions, has been abridged by Dr. Gordon.—
Dr. Edwards's works will be read with little
pleasure or profit by any, excepting Calvinists
—they are gloomy and illiberal.

SAMUEL JOHNSON,

A celebrated writer in support of liberty, in
the reign of James the second. Mr. Johnson
suffered most severely for his animated and
well timed exertions, in support of liberty
and the protestant religion.

JOHN POMFRET,

A clergyman and a poet—He found some dif-
ficulty in procuring ordination from Dr.
Compton, Bishop of London, on account of
a misrepresentation of some lines in his poem
of the "Choice." His poems are much read—
The preface to those poems, is wrote in a
smooth and elegant style, and gives a very
faithful portrait of Mr. Pomfret's independ-
ance of mind.

EZEKIEL

EZEKIEL HOPKINS, D.D.

The pious and veneral Bishop of Derry—His tract “On the Vanity of the World,” is well known, and the residue of his works will ever afford a fund of pious instruction to those who are inclined to peruse them.

SAMUEL ANNESLEY, D.D.

A dissenting minister of the last century, and author of some tracts in casuistical divinity.

SAMUEL BOYSE,

A dissenting minister in Ireland, and father to Boyse the poet.—He wrote various controversial tracts in defence of Nonconformity.

BENJAMIN JENKS,

Late rector of Harley, in Shropshire, and author of a popular devotional work, entitled “Prayers and Meditations for Families.”—It has passed through more than twenty editions:

THOMAS

THOMAS THURLOW, 1692

Late Bishop of Durham, and brother to Edward Lord Thurlow.—His lordship, while Bishop of Lincoln, suffered most severely the utmost fury of the populace, who assembled round the House of Lords, on the second of June, 1780. His lordship's predecessor, Dr. Green, having voted in favour of the Popish Bill, the indiscriminating mob, attacked Dr. Thurlow—broke his carriage to pieces, stript him of his robes, and obliged him, in a mangled and shattered condition, to seek an assylum on the tiles of a neighbouring house; from whence, with great difficulty, he made his escape. Dr. Thurlow did not long enjoy the rich bishopric of Durham.—He died in 1790—was succeeded by Dr. Shute Barrington, the present Bishop. Few of Dr. Thurlow's sermons have appeared in print.

RICHARD BANCROFT,

Archbishop of Canterbury, in the reign of James the first, and one of that monarch's

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grossest flatterers. He was a great enemy of the Puritans, and persecuted them with no small degree of acrimony.

SAMUEL PIKE.

A dissenting minister and author of a volume of Casuistical Divinity, entitled, "Cases of Conscience Resolved," and an explanation of the Assembly's Catechism. Mr. Pike changed his sentiments and became a Sandemanian.

THOMAS HAYTER, D. D.

Lord bishop of London, an amiable excellent relate—distinguished for his talents, but still more for his piety.

WILLIAM SMYTHIES,

Curate of St. Giles's, Gripplegate—His writings, which were calculated to draw protestant dissenters within the pale of the establishment, are sensible candid and judicious. They gave offence however to the high-church party—He published in 1684, a Tract entitled, "The Spirit of Meekness recommended."

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LAWRENCE STERNE, M. A.

Rector of Stillington and Prebendary of York.

“The Sentimental Journey through France and Italy—Tristram Shandy, and his sermons,” published under the name of Mr. Yorick, have rendered his name celebrated; and to a certain class of readers, his writings are held in high estimation, though many of them are subversive of religion and virtue—To “Burton’s Anatomy of Melancholy,” Sterne was indebted for some of his most brilliant thoughts; and in his various sermons, he has evidently borrowed from Dr. Sherlock, Dean of St. Paul’s.

JOHN NORRIS, M. A.

Rector of Bemerton, near Salisbury. A distinguished and excellent writer, of the late century. Piety and philosophy are beautifully blended in the works of this excellent man. His “Theory of Love and Christian Prudence,” are pleasing specimens of the talents he possessed.

CÆSAR MORGAN.

Chaplain to Dr. Yorke, bishop of Ely, and author of some small pieces in divinity.

MICHAEL GEDDESS, L.L.D.

Chancellor of Sarum, and author of a most valuable collection of "Historical Tracts," in 3 volumes. These Tracts contain some curious pieces, particularly an account of the expulsion of the Moriscoes out of Spain, and a detail of an Auto de fe at Lisbon in the year 1682.

R. BULLOCK, D.D.

Rector of St. Paul's Covent Garden — He has published several sermons occasionally preached.

JOHN CASPER LAVATER,

A celebrated modern writer and divine, at Quirick in Switzerland. Physiognomy, has by the assiduous labours of Lavater, been reduced to a science. Had Lavater confined
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his studies to the futile and whimsical science of physiognomy, he would have done little honor to himself, or the respectable character he sustains as a minister of the gospel; but this has not been the case—Lavater has published a volume of most excellent charming sermons, as well as several other Theological pieces in defence of Revelation.”—He has also written some Poems—some of his “Songs” are sung by the Swiss with a degree of Enthusiasm, which conveys the utmost delight to the astonished hearer.—His “Hymns” are also sung in many of the Churches in Switzerland.

ELHANAN WINCHESTER.

A celebrated preacher and popular writer in support of the doctrines of Universal Redemption, and limited punishments in a future state. His works are numerous, “His Lectures on the Prophecies” in 4 volumes, octavo, is a work of great labour and replete with judicious observations and reflections. Mr. Winchester came from Boston in Ame-

rica, to England, where he remained several years, and then returned to Boston, in the year 1794.

WILLIAM MARKHAM, D. D.

Archbishop of York. He succeeded Dr. Drummond in that See—Dr. Markham has only published a few occasional sermons, which it must be confessed, bear too strong marks of prejudice and illiberal principles.

ARMAND JEAN DU PLEISIS,

Cardinal Duke de Richlieu, minister of state to Lewis the thirteenth, King of France. The Cardinal was well skilled in all the treacherous arts and villainous finessè which was so conspicuous in the court of the French monarchs, at that dark period of despotism; and his name is transmitted to posterity, stamped with infamy and contempt. He was a furious and cruel persecutor of the Hugonotts, or French Protestants. He died December 4, 1642.

J. PALMER

J. PALMER,

A clergyman of the Church of England, and author of a poem, entitled "The Fate of Empires."

GEORGE GASKIN, D. D.

Rector of St. Bennett, Gracechurch-street, and Lecturer of Islington. He published in 1787, a discourse, which he delivered in Islington Church, previous to its undergoing some repairs.—This sermon proved highly offensive to the Parishioners.

BENEDICT PICTET,

Professor of Theology, at Geneva.—His works are numerous, and he holds a distinguished rank among the writers on theology.

DANIEL SUPERVILLE,

A French protestant divine, and pastor of a church at Rotterdam—Mr. Superville published several volumes of sermons.

WILLIAM ASSHETON, D. D.

Rector of Beckingham in Kent, and Chaplain to the Duke of Ormond: This great and good man was indefatigably employed in promoting the welfare of mankind—He wrote numerous pious tracts, which being published at a trifling expence, were circulated among the poor. He was a zealous and judicious defender of the rights of the church, and supported its doctrine and discipline against the insidious attacks, both of Puritans and Papists.

CHRISTOPHER WYVILL,

A clergyman in Yorkshire, and author of several political pamphlets. He has particularly interested himself in procuring an alteration in the parliamentary representation of the people.

JOHN LIGHTFOOT, D. D.

A distinguished ornament of the last century, and a clergyman of the Church of England.

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He was celebrated for the astonishing fund of Hebrew literature he possessed. His works are held in high estimation.

WILLIAM HAMILTON,

A clergyman in Ireland, and author of "Letters concerning the Northern Coast of the County of Antrim."

JAMES LENFANT,

A protestant clergyman, at Berlin, and a distinguished writer: Bishop Watson, in his most admirable collection of Theological Tracts, has inserted some of this learned writer's productions. His "History of the Council of Constance," is a most pleasing work; and his sermons are invaluable.

JOHN MOIR,

Formerly a dissenting minister, now a clergyman of the establishment—Mr. Moir is a writer of distinguished genius and penetration.

tion. He published a volume of Sermons, which are well known and much esteemed.

JOHN MC FARLANE, D. D. F. R. S.

A sensible and intelligent political writer, and a minister of the Church of Scotland.

ARCHIBALD M'LAIN, D. D.

Minister of the English Church at the Hague, and the translator of Mosheim's Ecclesiastical History, and other works.

EAST APTHORPE, D. D.

Rector of St. Mary Le Bow, Cheapside. — He has published two volumes of Sermons on the Prophecies, which have some merit.

JONATHAN SHIPLEY, D. D.

Late Lord Bishop of St. Asaph, a prelate of singular goodness, uncommon talents, and distinguished integrity. The late excellent Sir William Jones married a daughter of this amiable prelate.

SAMUEL

SAMUEL HUMPHRIES,

An intelligent and worthy clergyman of the Church of England. He translated the Albini Le Plache's "Spectacle de la Nature," from the French, Mr. Humphries died at Canonbury-house, Islington, 1737.

LAWRENCE HOLDEN,

A dissenting minister at Malden, in Essex. He published in the year 1755, a volume of interesting and well written discourses.

STRICKLAND GOUGH,

A clergyman of the establishment and a writer of talent and genius—He published a volume of sermons, besides other tracts.

M. DE ROCHEBLAVE,

A French protestant minister, at Dublin.—He was first settled at Greenwich, but afterwards being offered a living in the establishment, he went over to Ireland and took possession of it: He however, soon resigned

signed it, from some scruples of mind, and was chosen pastor of a French church, in Dublin, where he died September 17, 1709. He was a learned and pious man—He was seized with illness soon after performing divine service, and seemed to have a presentiment of his approaching dissolution.—“ I have (said he emphatically to one of his friends) failed ever to make a particular application of the truths of the gospel to myself: Thus, in whatever manner the Lord is pleased to dispose of me, I am entirely resigned to his will.” A volume of his sermons were published after his death, by his widow.

WILLIAM DYCHE, M. A.

A clergyman and a schoolmaster.—He published a Dictionary, which is remarkably full and copious for its size, and various books for the use of schools.

RICHARD STEELE, M. A.

A Nonconformist divine, and author of a
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work entitled, "The Tradesman's Calling," and other theological pieces.

DANIEL WILCOX, M. A.

A dissenting minister of some note, at the beginning of this century. He was pastor of the congregation in Monkwell-street.—Three volumes of his sermons have been published.

PHILLIP DE LA TORRE,

Bishop of Adria, to which diocese he was promoted, by Pope Clement the eleventh.—De la Torre was a great Antiquarian, and published several curious works "On the Monuments of Ancient Rome, and on the Roman Coins." He wrote also "A Dissertation on the Worms that prey upon the Human Body," and "A Treatise on Solar Eclipses." He died February 25, 1717.

RICHARD POLWHELE,

A clergyman and author of a didactic poem, entitled "The Orator," and a very valuable collection

collection of Sermons in two volumes—He has also published, “The History of Devonshire.”

PETER DANIEL HUET,

Bishop of Avranches—Christiana, queen of Sweeden, having invited the celebrated Bochart to her Court, Huet joined him and accompanied him in his “Tour to Sweden:” here he met with an original manuscript of Origen, which on his return to “Normandy,” his native place, he translated and published. In the year 1670, he was appointed sub-preceptor to the dauphin. In 1699, he was made bishop of Avranches. He died January 26, 1721, aged 91.

His works have rendered his name celebrated; the principal of which are “Demonstration of the Gospel;” this is a work replete with sound erudition.—“A Discourse on the Situation of the Terrestrial Paradise, with a Dissertation on the progress of Navigation in the reign of Solomon—The History of Cartisianism—Latin and Greek Poems—Inquiry into the Sentiments
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of Longinus," on that passage in Genesis, "Let there be light, and there was light"—
 "History of the Trade and Navigation of the Antients—His last Work was a Philosophical Treatise on the Weakness of the Human Mind." The good bishop has been boldly charged with developing the principles of infidelity, in this work, and confuting the arguments he had made use of in support of Divine Revelation, in his "Demonstration of the Gospel."—This is a charge which the whole tenor of Dr. Huet's life and writings evidently contradict, and we ought to impute every defect in this last work to the imbecility of the venerable author, who was near ninety years of age, when he wrote it.

JAMES JANEWAY,

A dissenting minister of the last century, and author of a popular little tract, called "A Token for Children."

CLAUDE

CLAUDE FRANCIS MENESTRIER.

A learned jesuit and celebrated preacher.—He was uncommonly vers'd in the Hebrew language—and esteemed a profound Theologist—accounted able in conducting controversies and disputes with the protestants. He wrote largely upon “Heraldry.” He died at Paris, 1705. To enumerate the whole of this learned jesuit’s performances would fill pages; and yet some of them are so whimsical and on such diversified subjects, that it would prove very amusing.—How great the intellectual powers of that man, who could at once be the champion of the Romish Church—and the able conductor of Ballets and Operas, and the ingenious artist who could sketch designs for triumphal arches, fanciful decorations for funerals and marriages! There is one work of Menestrier which I am well persuaded afforded more amusement and entertainment than any other. It is entitled “The Philosophy of Enigmas, wherein is treated Hyeroglyphics, Oracles, Prophecies,

Prophecies, Destinies, Divinations, Lotteries, Talismans, Dreams, the Predictions of Nostradamus, &c." printed at Lyons, 1694.

SAMUEL CLARKE,

A dissenting minister at St. Albans, and author of a collection of "Scripture Promises," recommended by Dr. Watts.

JOHN MARTIANAY,

A French ecclesiastic and celebrated Hebrew linguist. He published "A Defence of the Hebrew Text, against Isaac Vossius." He published also, "The Works of Saint Jerome." He also sketched the outlines of a "New Version of the Latin Bible."—This was intended to resemble the Polyglot, by giving the various readings of the original text and other versions; but death prevented Martianay from completing this work. He died 1717.

ANDREW GIFFORD, D.D.

A divine of some learning and abilities among the baptists—he was a considerable antiqua-

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rian, and for many years Assistant Librarian at the British Museum. He published a volume of Mr. Whitfield's Sermons.

PAUL RABUSSON,

Superior General of the Abbey of Cluny, and a zealous defender of the rights and privileges of the Monastic Order. He died 1717.

HUMPHRY PRIDEAUX, D.D.

Dean of Norwich, and author of several learned performances. His most celebrated work is, "The Connection between the Sacred and profane Historians," in 4 volumes. He also wrote an "Introduction to History—The Life of Mahomet and a Treatise on Tithes."

JAMES BERNARD.

A celebrated critic and divine. He was pastor of the Walloon Church, at Leyden—His principal works are his "Bibliotheque Universale; or, universal Library," which was begun by Lelerc and the "Republic of Letters," a periodical Journal of great Note: Besides these, he published
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some Historical Works, and "A Treatise on a procrastinated Repentance." He died at Leyden, 1718.

THOMAS FULLER, B. D.

Prebendary of Sarum, and author of "The Church History—Holy State—British Worthies," and other pieces. Mr. Fuller was so celebrated for his acuteness, that he is generally stiled, "The witty Mr. Fuller." An exquisite vein of humour blended with judgment and good sense pervade all his works.

HENRY DODWELL,

A celebrated writer, at the close of the last century. His sentiments with regard to the ecclesiastical power, nearly coincided with those of the Romish church. His works are now obsolete and little read.

RICHARD HURD, D. D.

Lord bishop of Worcester. the friend and champion of bishop Warburton. Dr. Hurd has wrote many "Tracts in defence of Revelation."

lation," and has published a splendid edition of his cidevant patron Warburton's works. He has been severely attacked by that profound scholar, Dr. Parr:

JOHN RYLAND, M. A.

A celebrated dissenting minister and school-master, at Northampton. He was a learned and judicious writer—He published 3 volumes of Contemplations, a pleasing work for young persons entitled, "The Preceptor, The Life of Alfred the Great," and several other pieces:

BENJAMIN HOADLEY, D. D.

Late bishop of Winchester.—While bishop of Bangor, he preached that celebrated sermon, "On the Nature of the Kingdom of Christ," which occasioned the well known Bangorian Controversy. Dr. Hoadley was attacked by the whole body of the clergy: his principal antagonists were, Dr. Wake, and Dr. Snape; bishop Hoadley, during the whole of his valuable and highly useful life, distinguished himself by his whig principles; he was peculiarly

arly obnoxious to the opposite party, and there was no engine of malice and bigotry, but was played upon this venerable and worthy prelate—his writings were condemned—his person ridiculed—his moral character slandered and defamed—his “Plain Account of the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper,” has been attacked with no small degree of virulence, by Dr. William Cleaver, the present bishop of Chester. Bishop Hoadley died in the year 1761.

EDMUND LAW, D. D.

Late lord bishop of Carlisle, a prelate who has rendered his name dear to all the friends of virtue and religion—setting apart the amiable disposition, and the brilliant constellation of virtues which distinguished this prelate, and made his mitre glitter with resplendent lustre, Dr. Law’s literary talents have caused his name to be enrolled among the best theological writers. His Lordship’s “Theory of Religion, Translation of Archbishop King on the Origin of Evil”—His Sermon on the

doctrine of a providence, preached before the House of Lords, &c. are evident demonstrations of the genius and abilities of this amiable prelate; but what pen can do justice to his private virtues? who can sufficiently describe the sweet, placid, benevolent smiles, which ever irradiated his countenance, and which were a faithful index of the serenity and tranquility of his mind.

JAMES HERVEY,

Rector of Weston Favell in Northamptonshire, and author of the celebrated "Meditations among the Tombs—Theron and Aspasia Letters on Lord Bolingbroke's Essay on the Study of History." Mr. Hervey died in the year 1758.

ISAAC WATTS, D. D.

A most celebrated divine among the dissenters. This truly great man possessed a universal knowledge on almost every science; he wrote with considerable judgment and taste: such was his transcendent humility, that after contemplating

templating with the eye of Newton, the heavenly orbs floating through the unmeasurable regions of space, he condescended to write hymns for the smiling babe in its cradle! Watts had a fine genius for poetry, and his "Lyric Poems," are excellent compositions—"His Version of the Psalms," is smooth and easy, and sometimes elegant—He has, however, spiritualised those Psalms too much, and his Hymns have rather a tincture of enthusiasm diffused throughout them. As a divine Watts excelled! His sermons are nervous, neat, and correct, they are entirely divested of those illiberal prejudices which disgrace religion and injure its cause. Some of the most illustrious characters of the age honoured Watts with their friendship, esteem, and correspondence—Bishop Gibson, Archbishop Herring, Dr. Hort, the Bishop of Tuam, Lord Barrington, Arthur Onslow, Esq. may be ranked among this number. Dr. Watts died in the year 1748.

SAMUEL SQUIRE, D. D.

Late Bishop of St. Davids. A learned and liberal prelate, author of an excellent work in defence of Revealed Religion, and an Essay on the Saxon Institutes.

ISAAC MADDUX, D. D.

Bishop of Worcester. A celebrated prelate, and an admired orator. He honoured Dr. Doddridge with his friendship; and when the Doctor was ordered to repair to Lisbon, Bp. Maddox most politely offered his chariot to convey him to the sea coast. In 1752, Dr. Maddox preached a sermon "on Inoculation for the Small Pox;" which contributed greatly to extend the practice of inoculation. Dr Maddox died 1759.

THOMAS GREEN, D. D.

Late Bishop of Lincoln. He published two letters "On the Principles and Practices of the Methodists:" the first addressed to Mr Berridge, the second to Mr Whitfield. His Lordship's sentiments were extremely liberal;
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and he was the only prelate who dissented from his brethren when the bill for the relief of the Protestant Dissenters was rejected. Dr Green died in 1779, and was succeeded by Dr Thurlow in his bishoprick.

JAMES SAURIN,

A most eloquent preacher, and pastor of the French church at the Hague. His sermons have been translated into English by the late Rev. Mr Robinson of Cambridge. Saurin's preaching produced the greatest effects upon his auditory, who were as brilliant, learned and polite, as any minister can be called to address. To the stubborn and impenitent sinner, his voice was like the rattling thunder; to the meek and humble followers of the Lamb, it was like the music of the grove. He died at the Hague, 1737. He wrote "Dissertations on the Bible—A Treatise on Education, drawn up for the use of the Prince of Wales—And an Enquiry into the Expediency of sometimes disguising the Truth." This piece produced a commotion in the churches,
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and the author was bitterly censured: his adversaries not content with opposing his system, attacked his moral character; the delicate, susceptibility of Saurin, was deeply wounded by their malicious slanders, and he fell a victim to the poisonous breath of slander and defamation.

SAMUEL HALLIFAX, D. D.

Late bishop of Gloucester. He published a new edition of Butler's analogy, and some sermons on the prophecies.



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